APOCALYPTIC
HORSEPLAY
BY BOREDMAN

1424
VERNEUIL
FRANCE
AT LAST.
I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WOULD FINALLY CATCH UP WITH ME.
YOU KNEW?
WHY DID YOU NEVER WAIT FOR US THEN ?

TIME IS MONEY, MY LADS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE...

...I'VE BEEN MAKING A KILLING.

BESIDES, YOU TWO HAVE BLOSSOMED IN MY WAKE FOR CENTURIES. I ASSUMED YOU WERE JUST CONTENT EATING MY DUST.

MIND YOUR TONGUE, BELLUM.

YOU MAY HAVE HISTORY'S FAVOR, BUT WE HAVE TAKEN FAR MORE HUMAN LIVES THAN YOU AND YOUR BARBARIC BATTLES EVER WILL.

DO NOT CALL ME BELLUM, LITTLE MAN.
I HAVE LESS AMBIGUOUS NAMES.
BUT YOU ARE CORRECT. I HAVEN'T KILLED NEARLY AS MANY MORTALS AS YOU.
IN FACT, I'VE NEVER KILLED ANYONE.
MY CRAFT IS NOT TO KILL PEOPLE, YOU SEE.
IT IS TO MAKE PEOPLE KILL EACH OTHER

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I APPRECIATE YOUR HANDIWORK.
BUT THERE IS A REASON I INSPIRE MORE DREAD THAN THE TWO OF YOU COMBINED.
THREE.
THERE ARE THREE OF US.
IS THAT ...?
YES. WE CALL HIM MORTIS.
BUT HE ALSO HAS A LESS AMBIGUOUS NAME.

WHAT IS HE DOING ?
RIGHT NOW? TENDING TO THE SURVIVORS
...OR LACK THEREOF.

HE SAYS WE WERE CHOSEN. ALL FOUR OF US.
THAT OUR DESTINY IS TO PURGE THIS WORLD, BY JOINING FORCES AND RIDING TOGETHER.
THE WORLD?
YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY NEW MORTALS ARE BORN TO THIS WORLD EACH DAY?
I DRAGGED OVER A DOZEN COUNTRIES INTO THIS WAR OVER THE CENTURY. AND AS YOU WERE SO KEEN TO POINT OUT, IT NEVER EVEN MADE A DENT!

THEN I SUPPOSE WE MUST PRESENT THIS WORLD WITH A CHALLENGE TO SCALE.
WITH OUR COMBINED EFFORTS, I DO BELIEVE IT CAN BE DONE.
YOU... YOU WANT TO CREATE CONFLICTS ON A WORLD SCALE?
WORLD WARS?

END OF CHAPTER III